

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/687,187

Applicant(s)

HOMER ET AL.

Examiner

Michael V. Datskovskiy

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/14/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14, 16-22, 24-28, 30-32, 35, 36, 38 and 39.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**MICHAEL DATSKOVSKIY**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

*Michael Datskovskiy* 10/05/06

1. The Affidavit filed on 03/31/2006 under 37 CFR 1.131 is now sufficient to overcome the Yang et al reference.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims 1-14, 16-28, 30-32, 34-36, 38-39 are allowable over the prior art of record for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or suggest: a personal computer, comprising a housing having a support section; a display having an inner display panel and an outer panel; and a resilient pad disposed between and adjacent the outer panel and both the support section and the inner display panel (claims 1-9, 28, 30-32); an electronic device, comprising a tablet style personal computer comprising: a housing with a bezel coupled to the bezel; and a shock absorbent pad disposed underneath the protective panel, wherein the shock absorbent pad comprises a double-sided adhesive region and a single-sided adhesive region (claims 10-14, 34-35); a method of manufacturing a computer, comprising the acts of: providing a portable computer housing in a tablet style form factor; applying a shock absorbing pad to the portable computer housing; and mounting a display panel to the portable computer housing, wherein the shock absorbing pad is disposed between the display panel and the portable computer housing, wherein the shock absorbing pad comprises a double-sided adhesive between the portable computer housing and a protective top panel of the display panel, and the shock-absorbing pad comprises a non-adhesive portion disposed against an electronic display panel of the display panel (claims 16-20, 24-25, 36); a housing; a computer system, comprising a display having a protective outer surface; and a shock absorbing

pad disposed between the protective outer surface of the display and the housing, wherein the shock absorbent pad comprises a face with an adhesive region and a non-adhesive region (claims 21-22, 26-27, 38-39). Underlined by Examiner represent structural limitations making claims allowable.

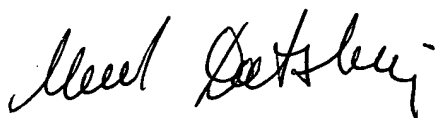
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2040. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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